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RICKY RICOTTA'S MIGHTY ROBOT

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CHAPTER ONE
RICKY

There once was a mouse named Ricky Ricotta who lived in Squeakyville with his mother and father.

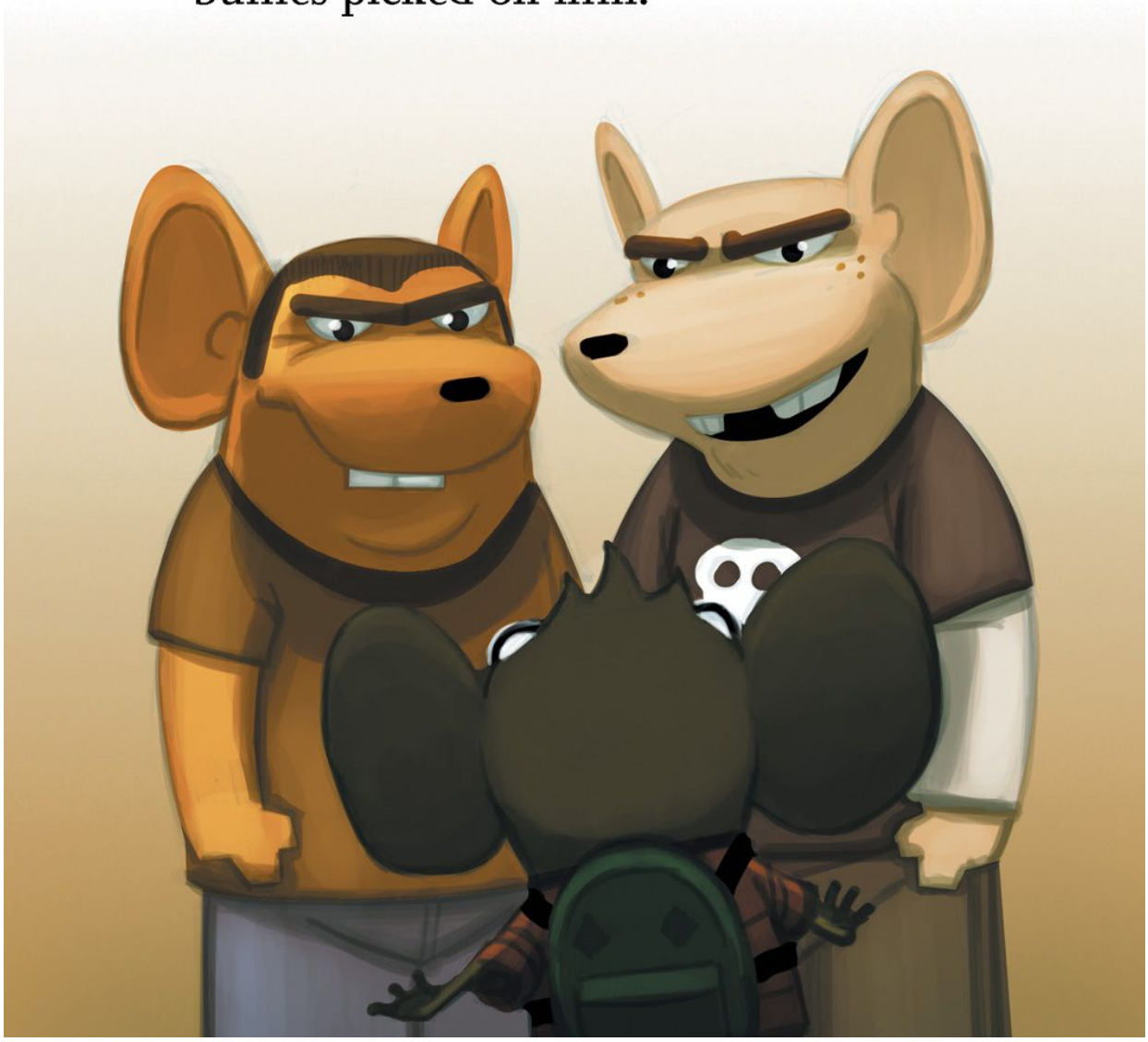
Ricky liked living with
his mother and father, but
sometimes he got lonely.

Ricky wished he had a friend
to keep him company.

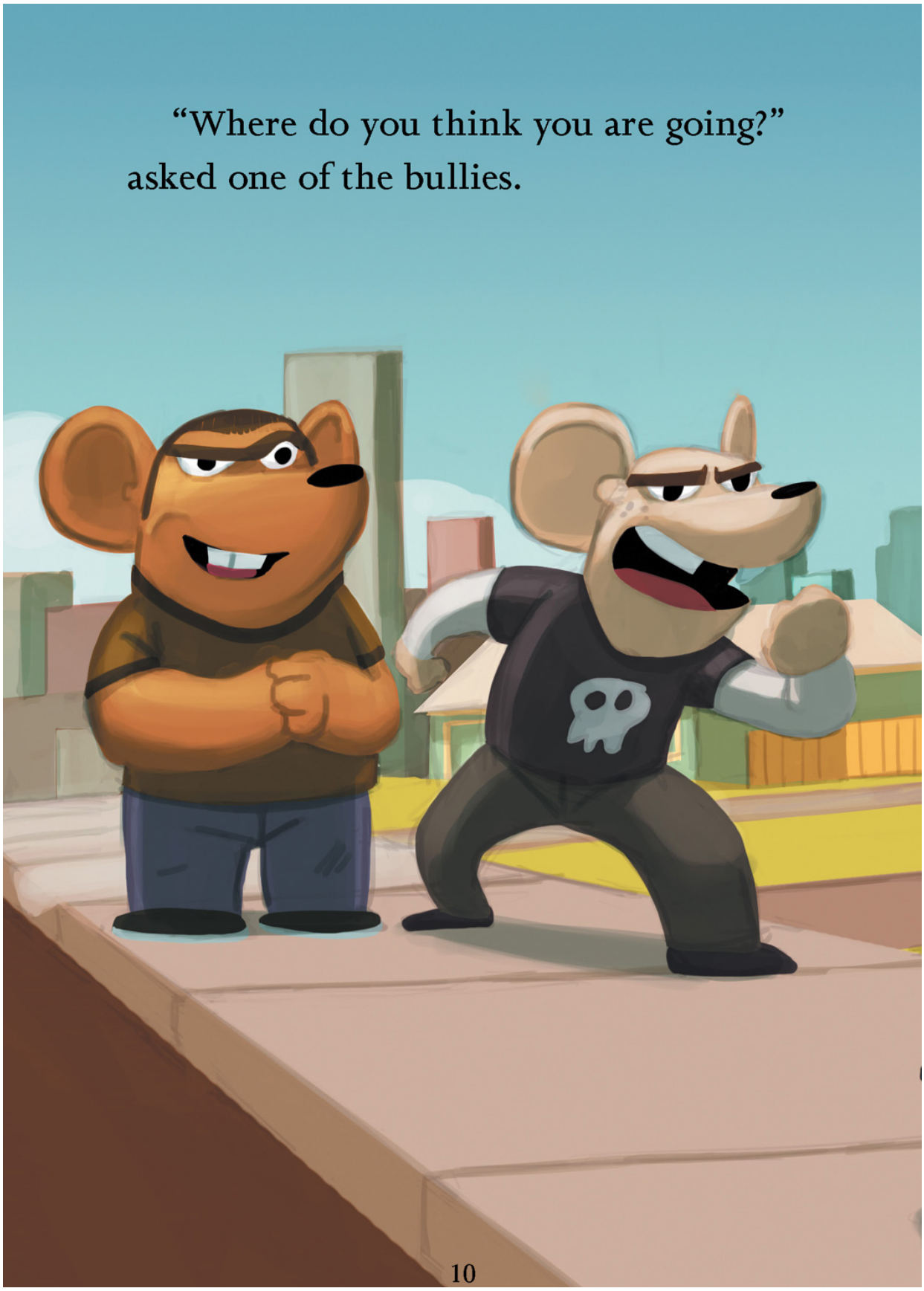
"Don't worry," said Ricky's father.
"Someday something **BIG** will happen,
and you will find a friend."
So Ricky waited.

CHAPTER TWO
THE BULLIES

Ricky liked school, but he did not like walking to school. This was because Ricky was very small, and sometimes bullies picked on him.



"Where do you think you are going?"
asked one of the bullies.



Ricky did not answer. He turned and started to run.

The bullies chased him.

They knocked Ricky down and threw his backpack into a garbage can.

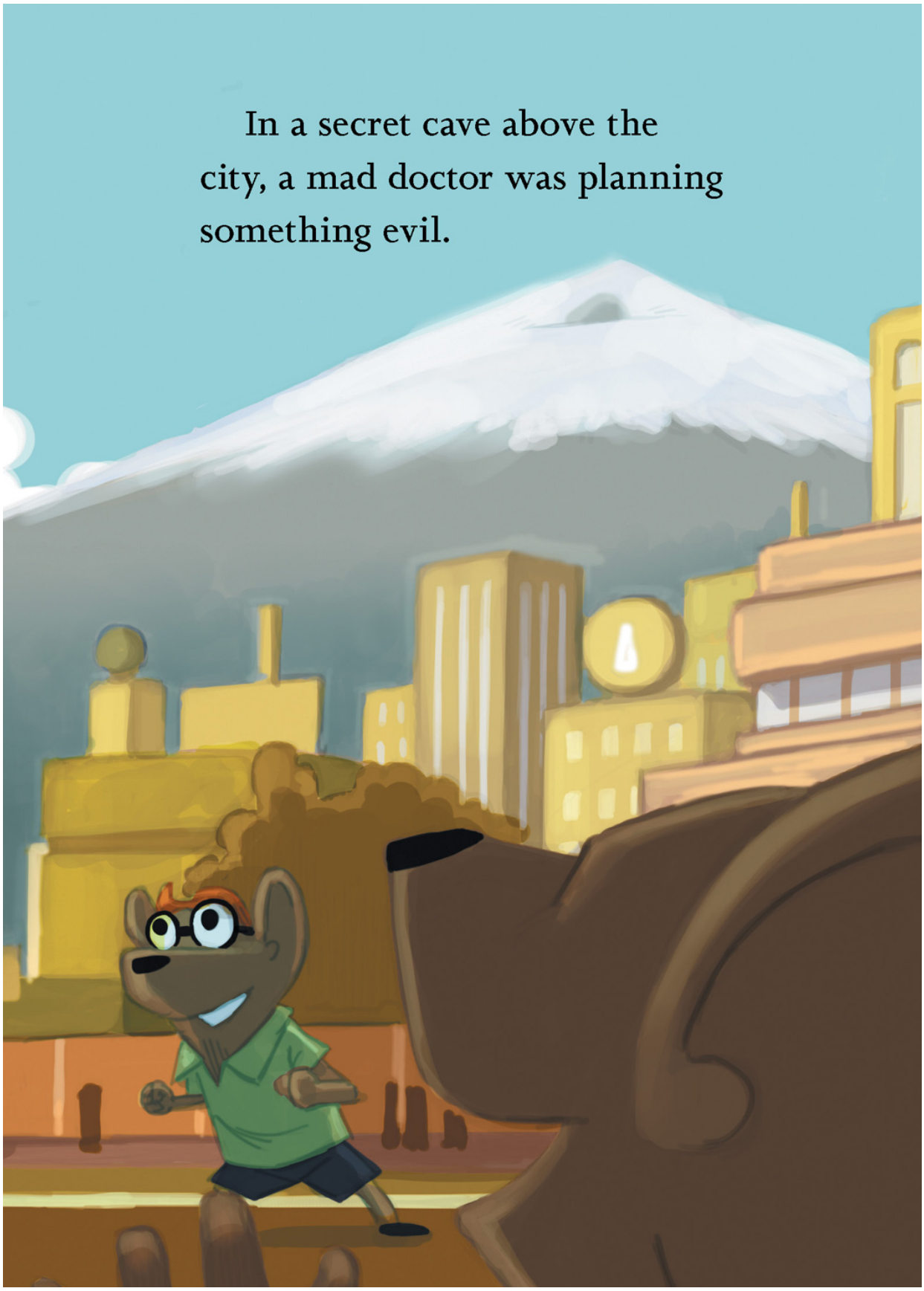
Every day, the bullies chased Ricky.
Every day, they knocked him down.
And every day, Ricky wished that something **BIG** would happen.

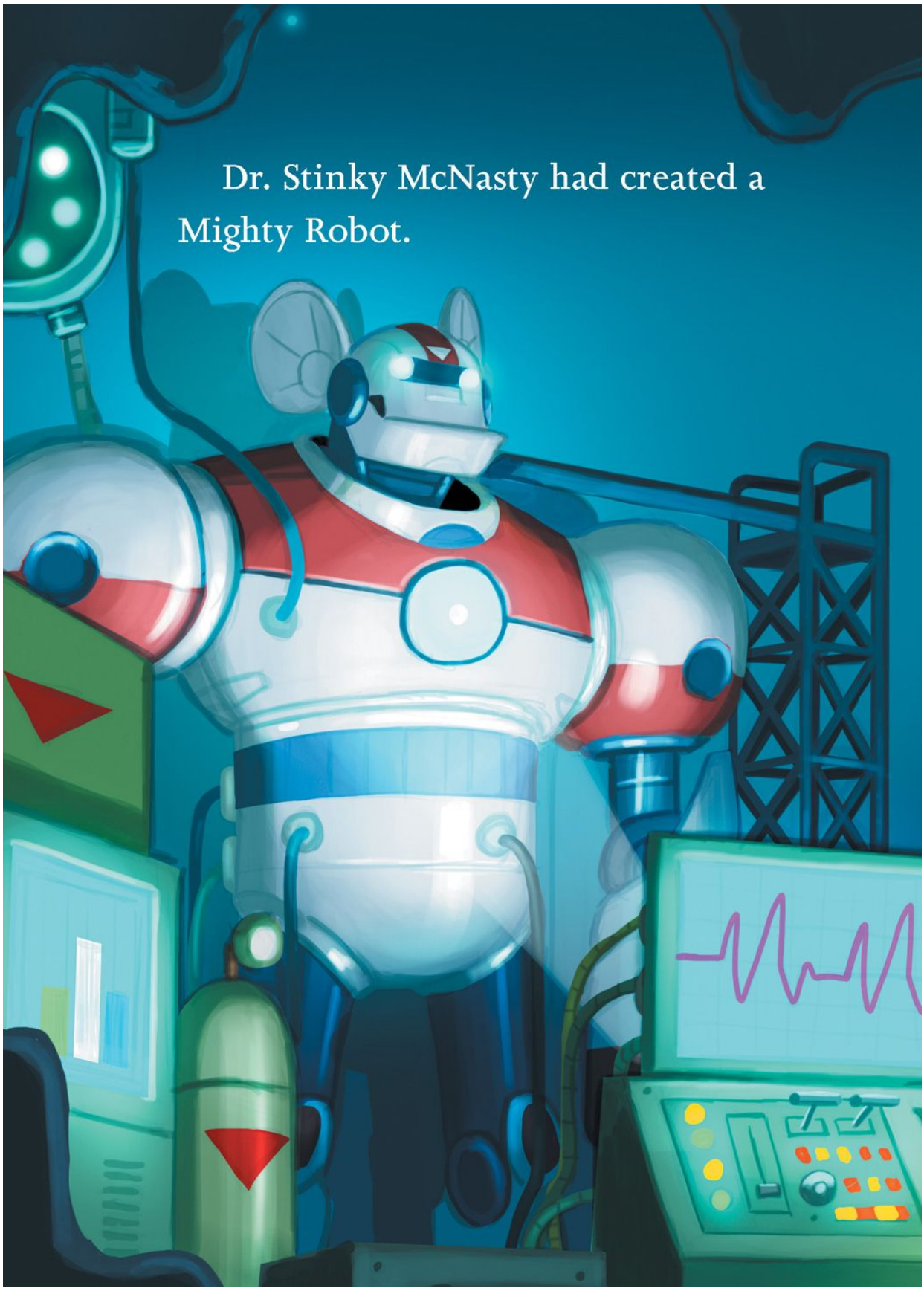
CHAPTER THREE
DR. STINKY McNASTY

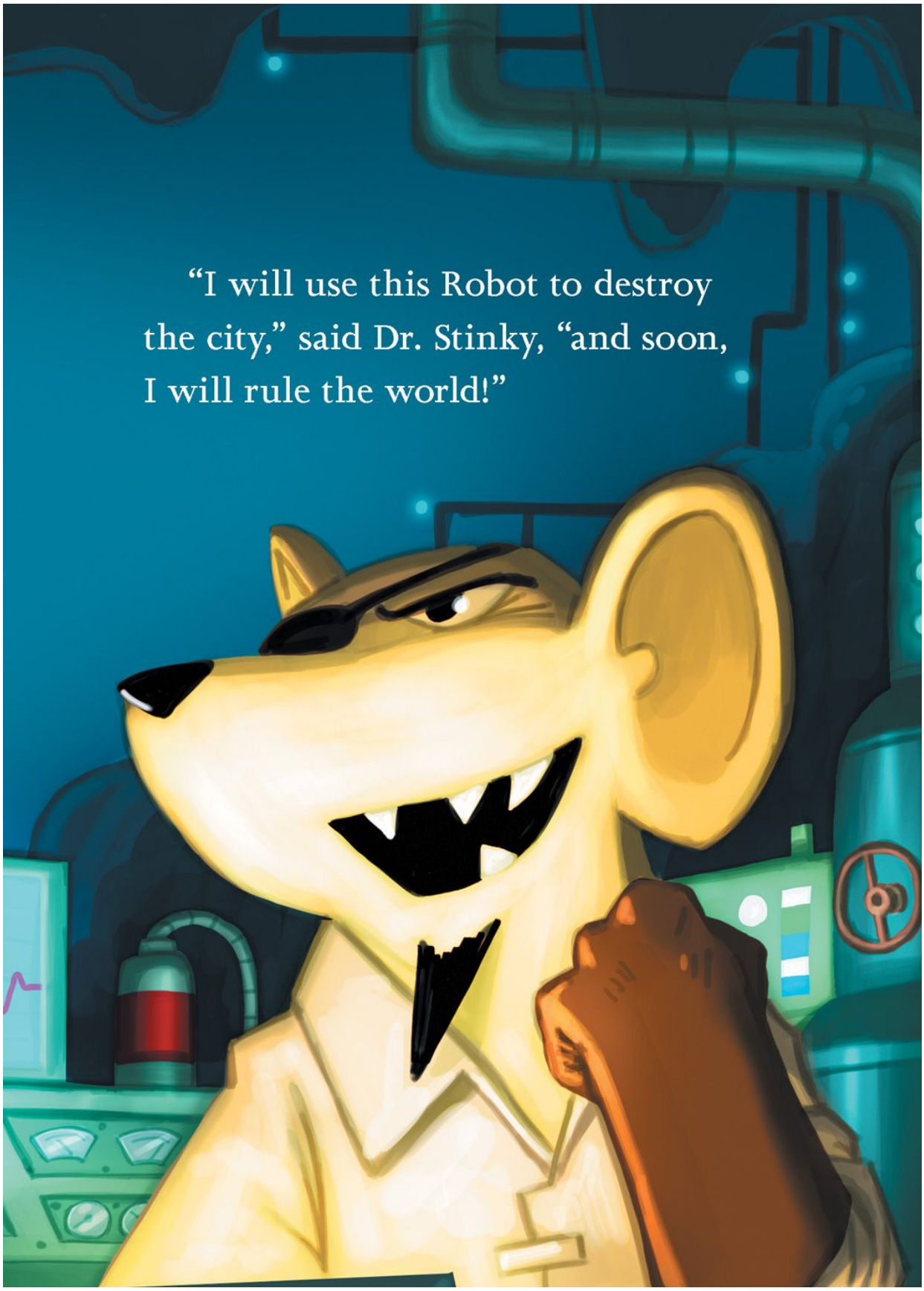
That day at school, Ricky ate lunch by himself. Then he went outside for recess.

He watched the other mice play a game of kickball. Ricky did not know that something **BIG** was about to happen, but it *was*!

In a secret cave above the city, a mad doctor was planning something evil.



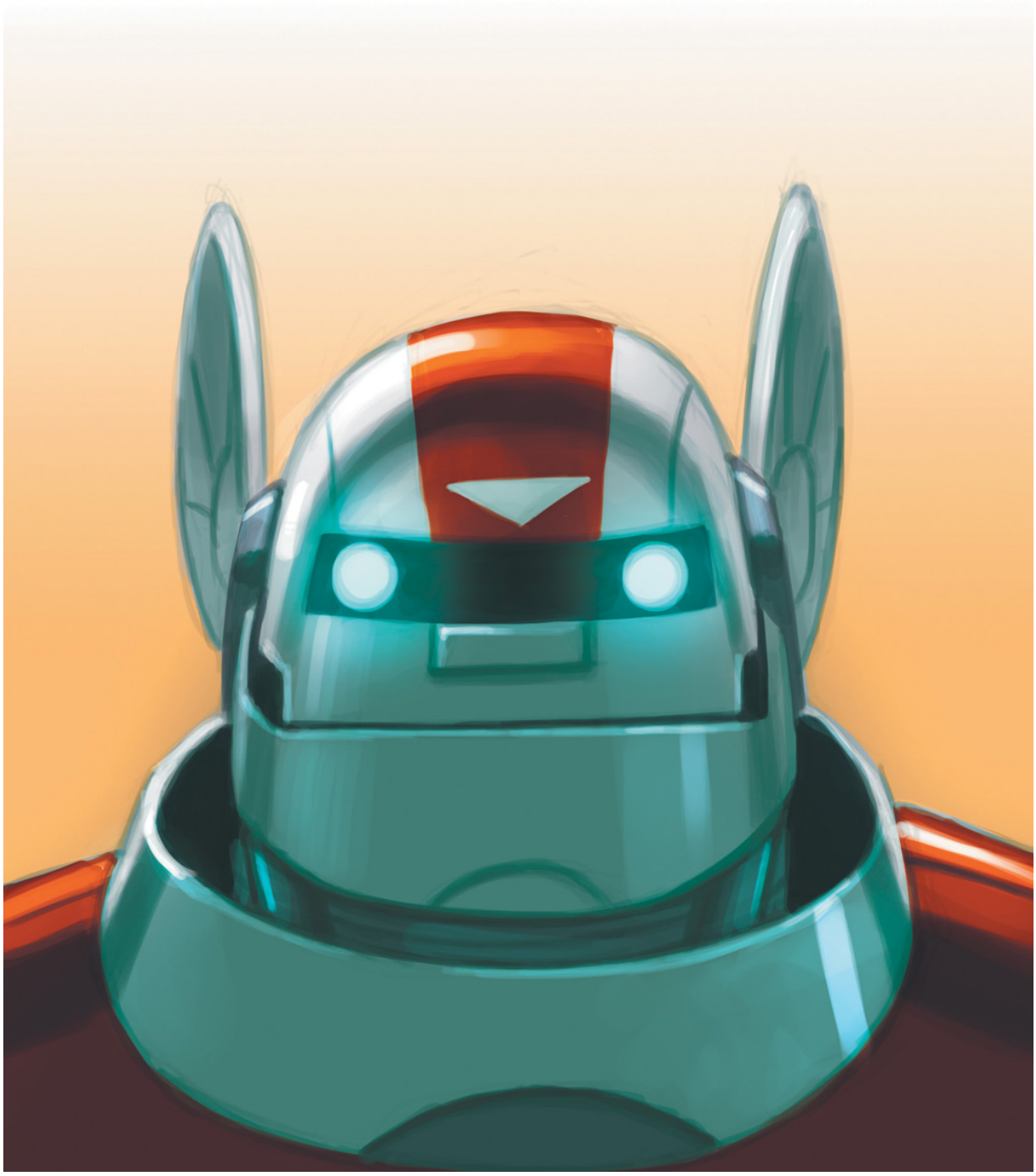

Dr. Stinky McNasty had created a
Mighty Robot.

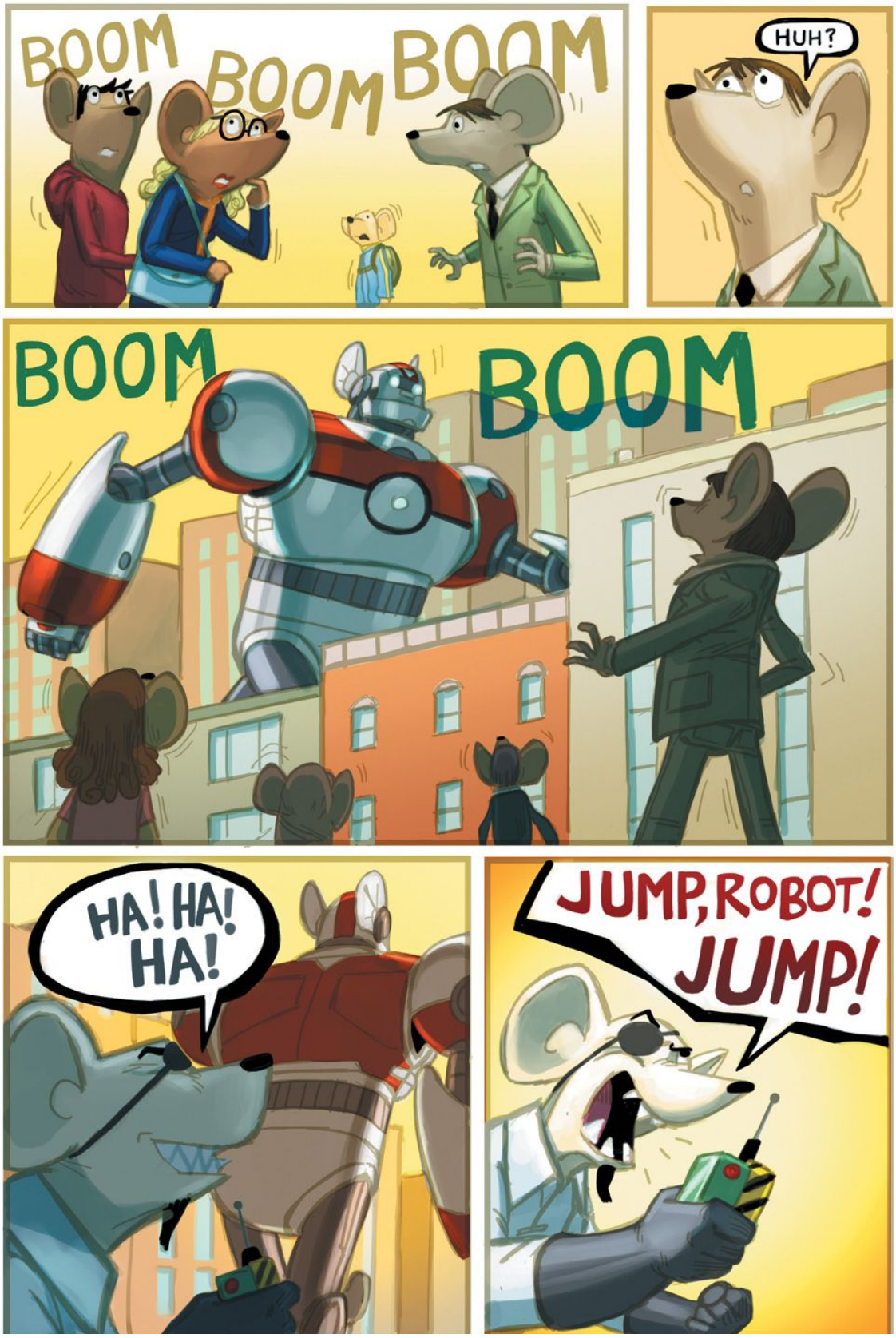

"I will use this Robot to destroy
the city," said Dr. Stinky, "and soon,
I will rule the world!"

Dr. Stinky led his Mighty Robot into town.

"Robot," said Dr. Stinky, "let's have some fun!"

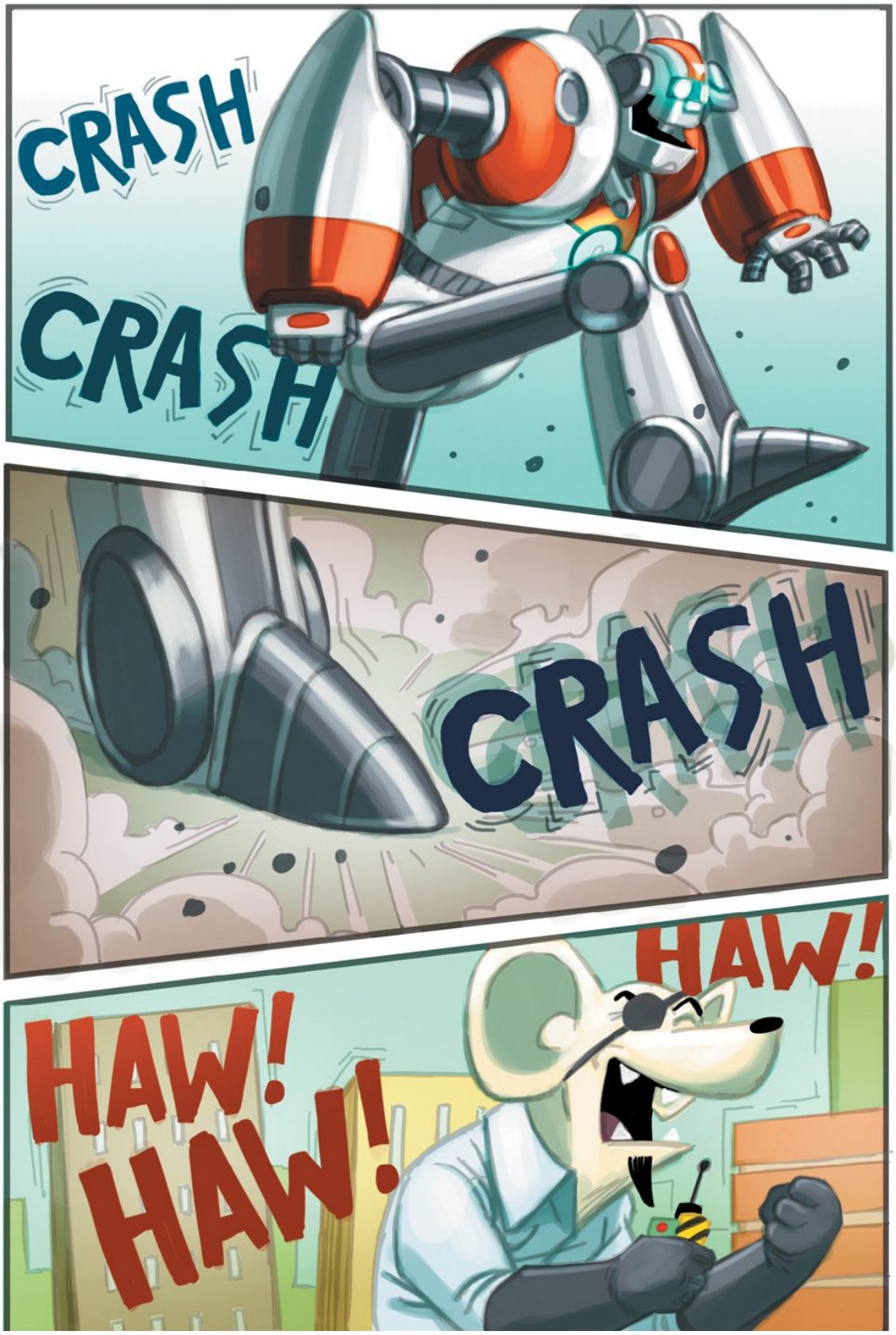
CHAPTER FOUR
THE MIGHTY ROBOT




BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
HUH?
BOOM
BOOM
HA! HA! HA!
JUMP, ROBOT! JUMP!

BOING
CRASH
FLOWERS
YAAAA!
EEEEK!
RUN AWAY!

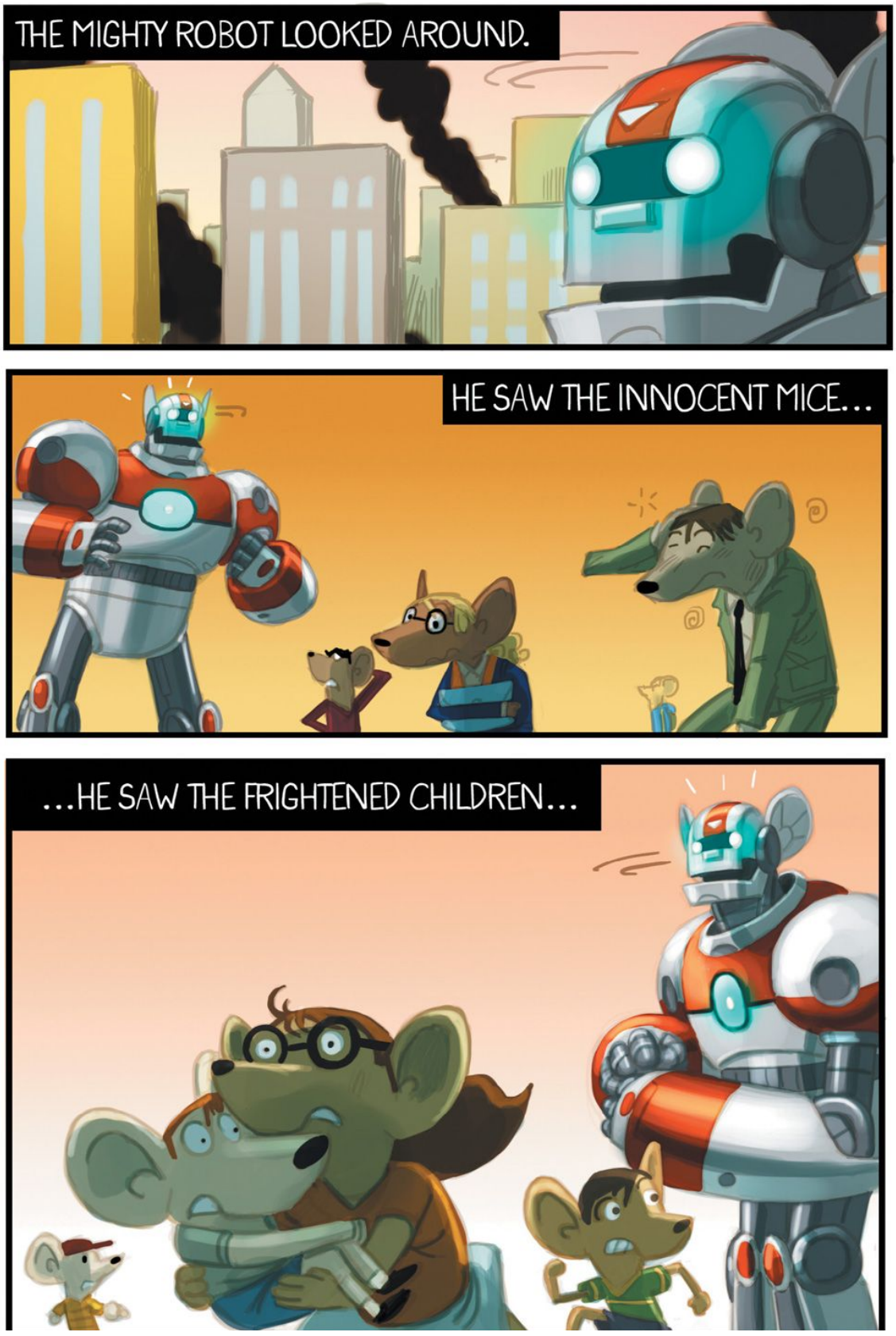
VERY GOOD.
NOW STOMP, ROBOT, STOMP!


CRASH
CRASH
CRASH
HAW!
HAW!
HAW!

EVEN BETTER!

NOW DESTROY THIS CITY!

?
YOU HEARD ME!!!
DESTROY THIS CITY... OR I'LL DESTROY YOU!

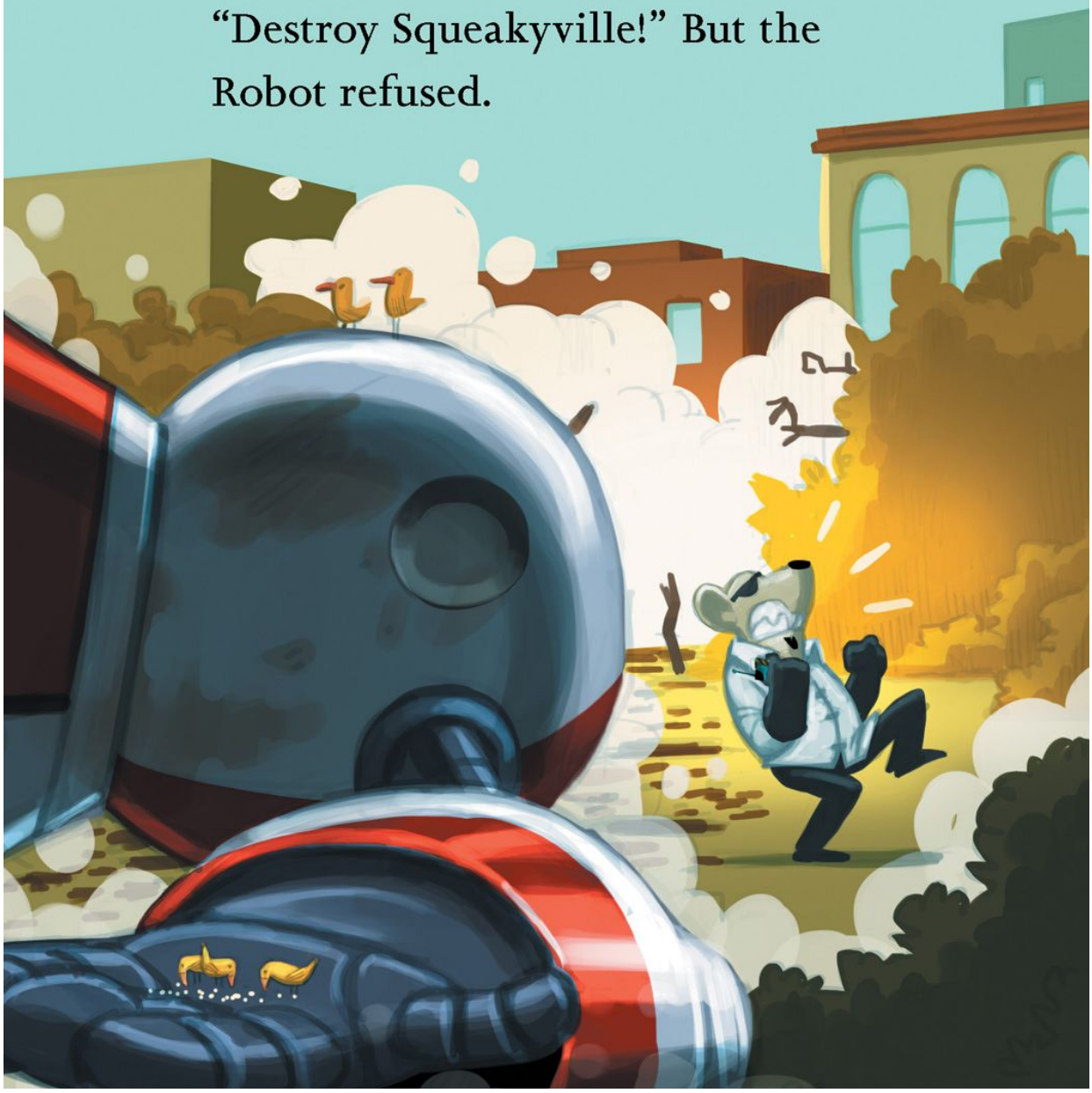

THE MIGHTY ROBOT LOOKED AROUND.
HE SAW THE INNOCENT MICE...
...HE SAW THE FRIGHTENED CHILDREN...

HE SAW THE HELPLESS ANIMALS...
THE MIGHTY ROBOT WOULD NOT OBEY.
YOU WILL FOLLOW ORDERS...
...OR YOU WILL BE SORRY!

CHAPTER FIVE
RICKY TO THE RESCUE

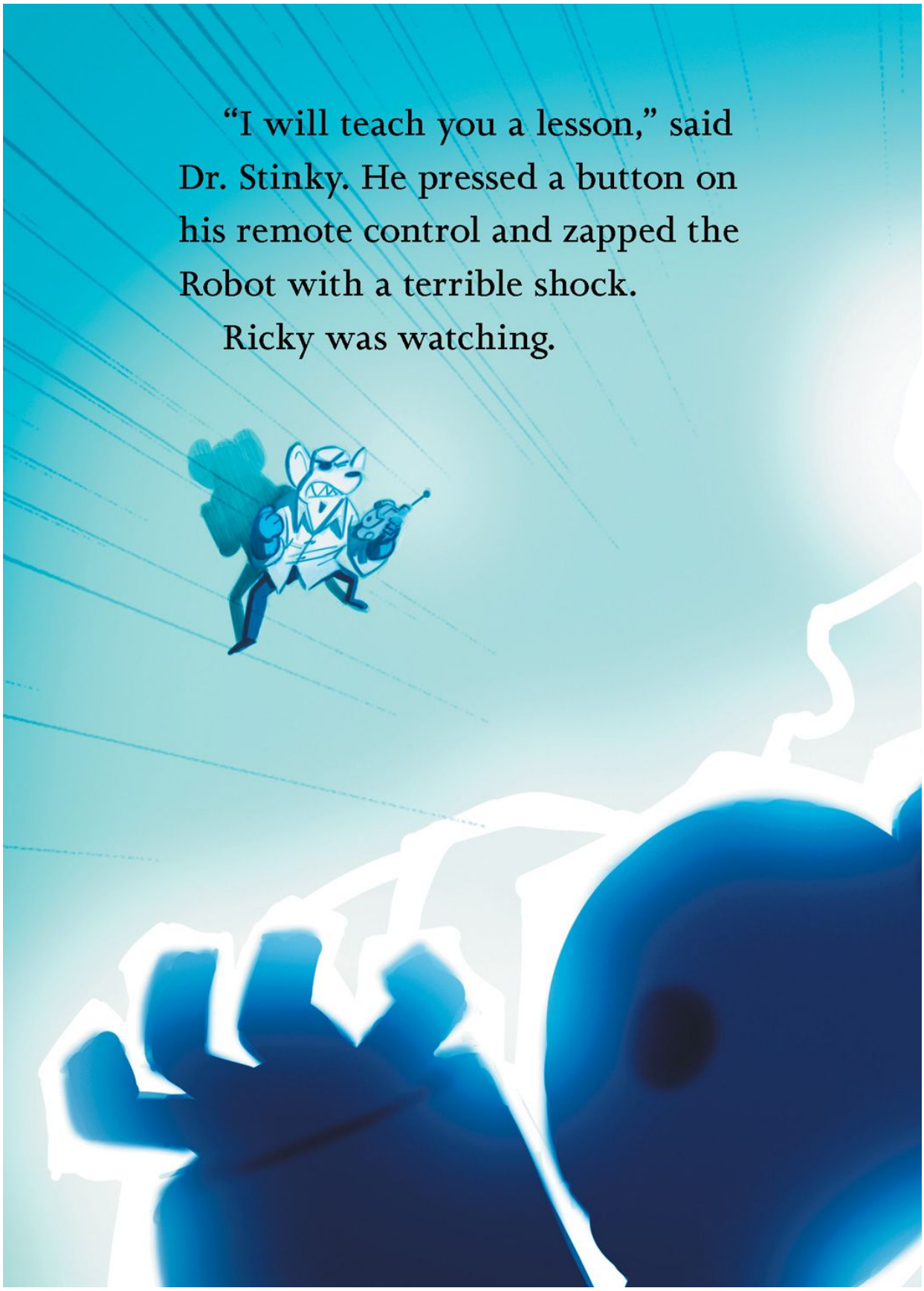
Dr. Stinky was very angry.

"Destroy Squeakyville!" he cried. "Destroy Squeakyville!" But the Robot refused.



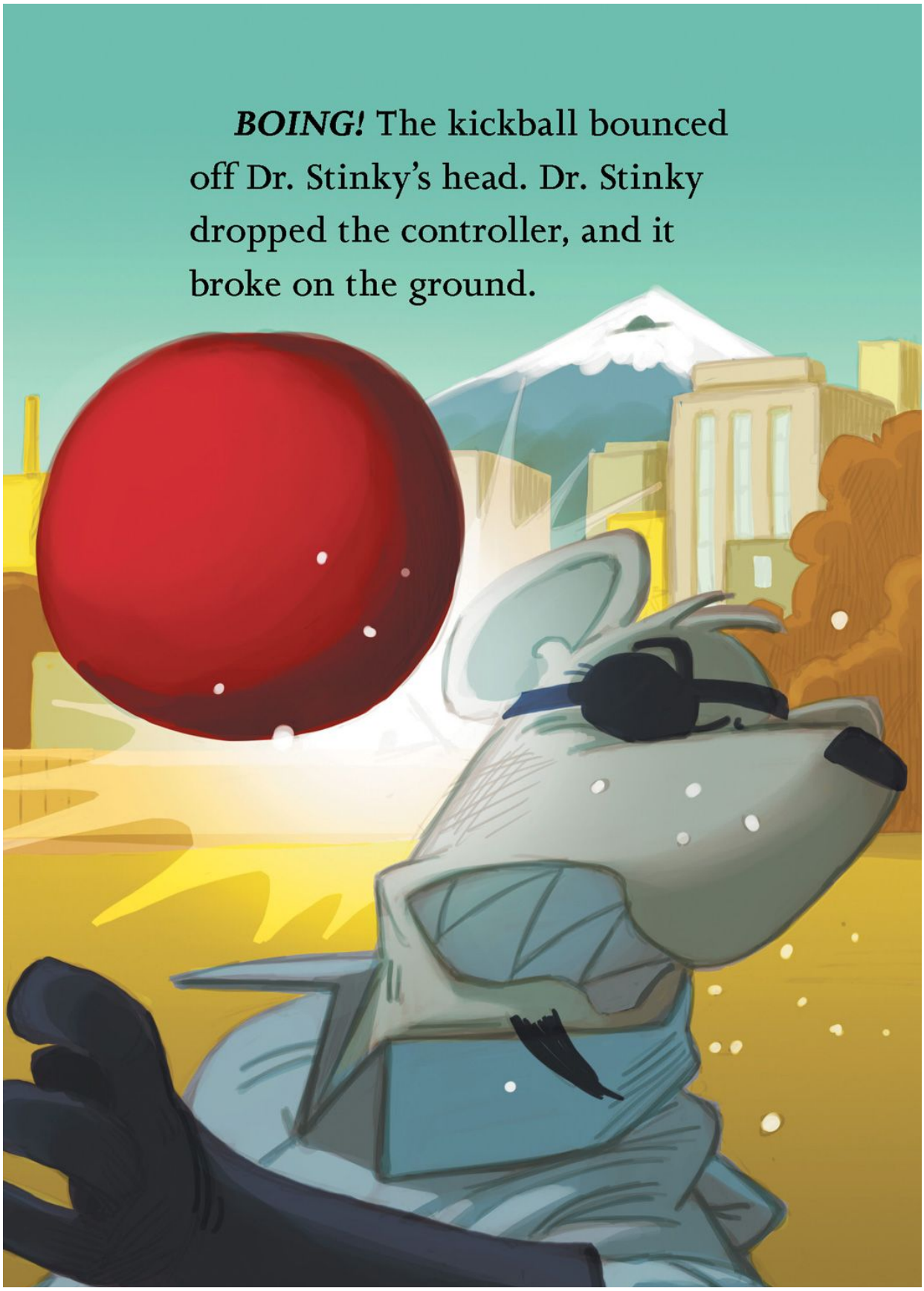
"I will teach you a lesson," said Dr. Stinky. He pressed a button on his remote control and zapped the Robot with a terrible shock.

Ricky was watching.



"Stop it!" Ricky cried. But Dr. Stinky kept on zapping the Robot.

Finally, Ricky aimed a kickball at the evil doctor. Ricky kicked as hard as he could.


BOING! The kickball bounced off Dr. Stinky's head. Dr. Stinky dropped the controller, and it broke on the ground.

"Rats! Rats! *RATS!*" cried Dr. Stinky. "I shall return!" And he disappeared down a sewer drain.

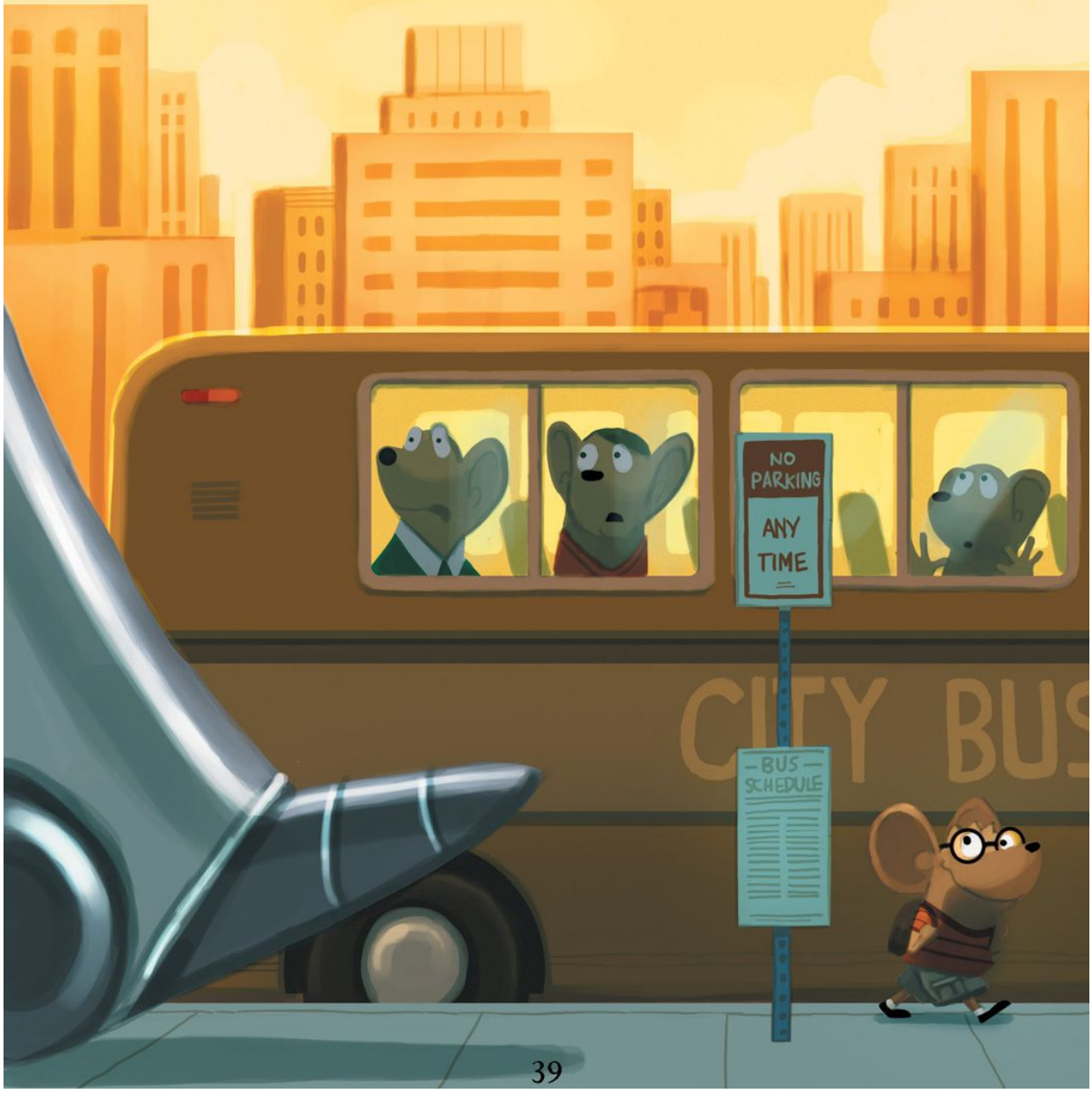
When the Robot saw what Ricky had done, he walked over to Ricky. Everyone screamed and ran.

But Ricky was not afraid. The Robot smiled and patted Ricky on the head.

Something **BIG** had happened after all!

CHAPTER SIX
THE HEROES ARRIVE

That afternoon, the Robot followed Ricky home from school.



Soon they got to Ricky's house.
"Wait here, Robot," said Ricky.
Ricky went inside.

"Mom, Dad," said Ricky, "can I have a pet?"

"Well," said Ricky's father, "you've been a good mouse lately."

"Yes," said Ricky's mother, "I think a pet would be good for you."

"Hooray!" said Ricky.
"Uh-oh," said Ricky's parents.

CHAPTER SEVEN
RICKY'S MIGHTY ROBOT HELPS OUT

When Ricky's parents saw Ricky's new pet, they were not happy.

"That Robot is too big to be a pet," said Ricky's father.

"There is no room for him in our home," said Ricky's mom.

"But he is my friend," said Ricky, "and he will help us around the house!"

Ricky's Mighty Robot used his super breath to blow all the leaves out of their yard. Ricky's dad liked that.

Ricky's Robot scared all the crows out of the vegetable garden. Ricky's mom liked that.

And when burglars drove by
the Ricottas' house, they kept right
on driving. Everybody liked that!

"Well," said Ricky's father, "I guess your Robot can live in the garage."

"Hooray!" said Ricky.

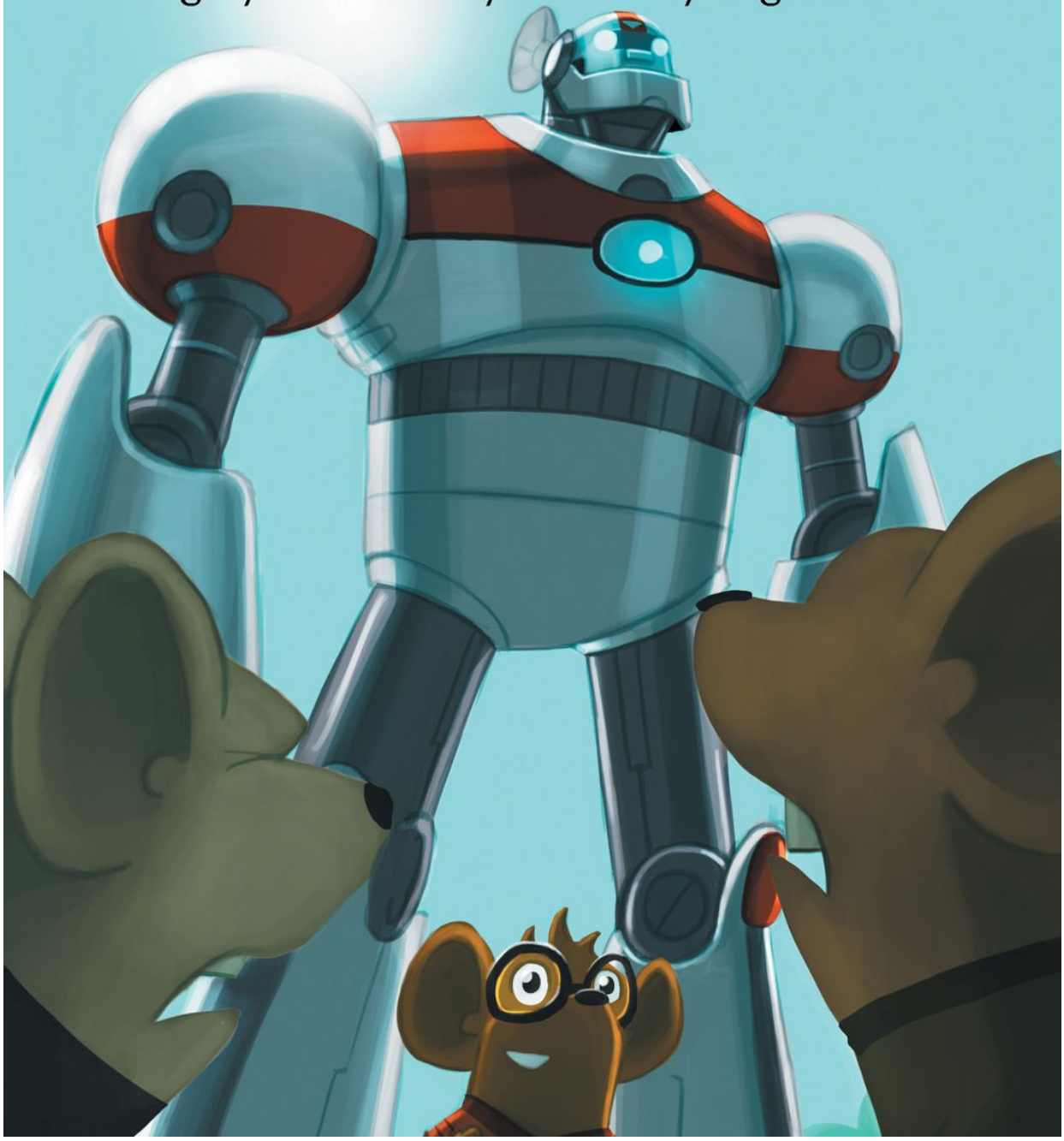
CHAPTER EIGHT
BACK TO SCHOOL

The next day, Ricky and his Robot walked to school. The bullies were waiting for Ricky.

"Where do you think you're going?" asked one of the bullies.

"My Robot and I are going to school," said Ricky.

The bullies looked up and saw Ricky's Mighty Robot. They were very frightened.



"Um . . . um . . . um . . ." said one of the bullies. "May we carry your backpack for you, sir?"

"Sure," said Ricky.

The bullies helped Ricky get to school safely.

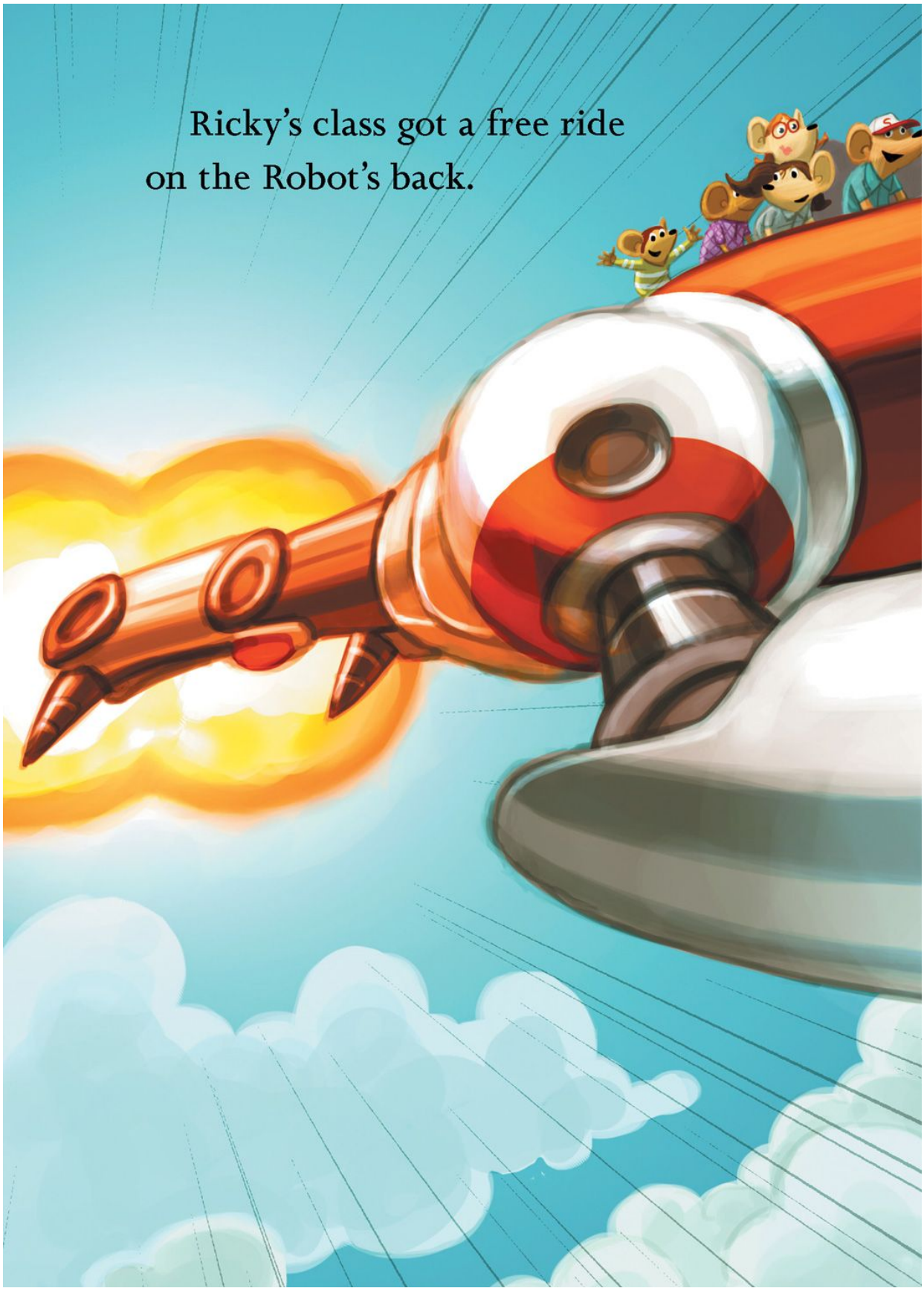
"Is there anything else we can do for you, sir?" asked the bullies.

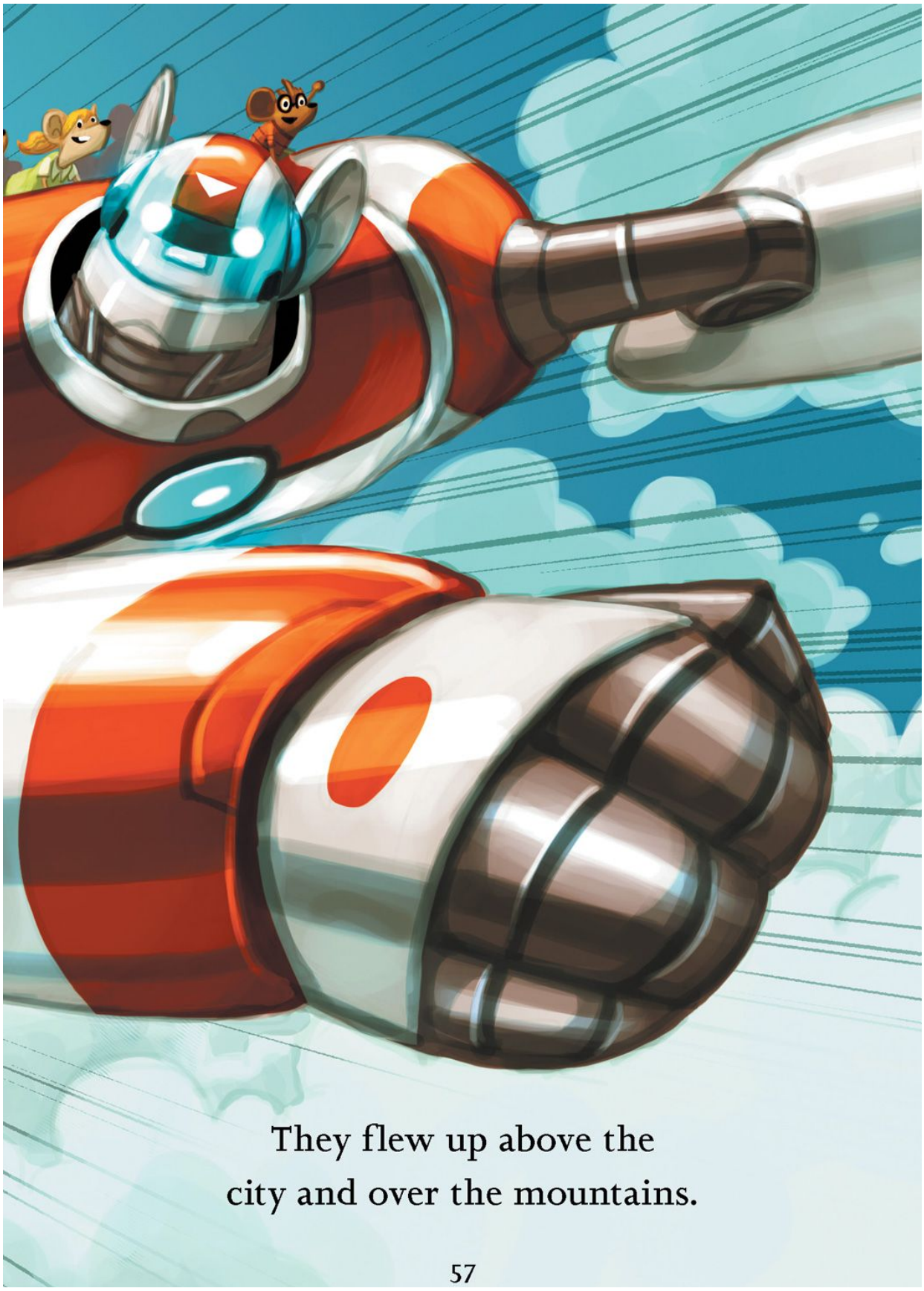
"No, thank you," said Ricky.

CHAPTER NINE
SHOW-AND-TELL

That day at school, Ricky's class had show-and-tell. One mouse brought a baseball glove. Another mouse brought a teddy bear.

Ricky brought his Mighty Robot.


Ricky's class got a free ride
on the Robot's back.



They flew up above the
city and over the mountains.

“This is fun!” said Ricky.

CHAPTER TEN
DR. STINKY'S REVENGE

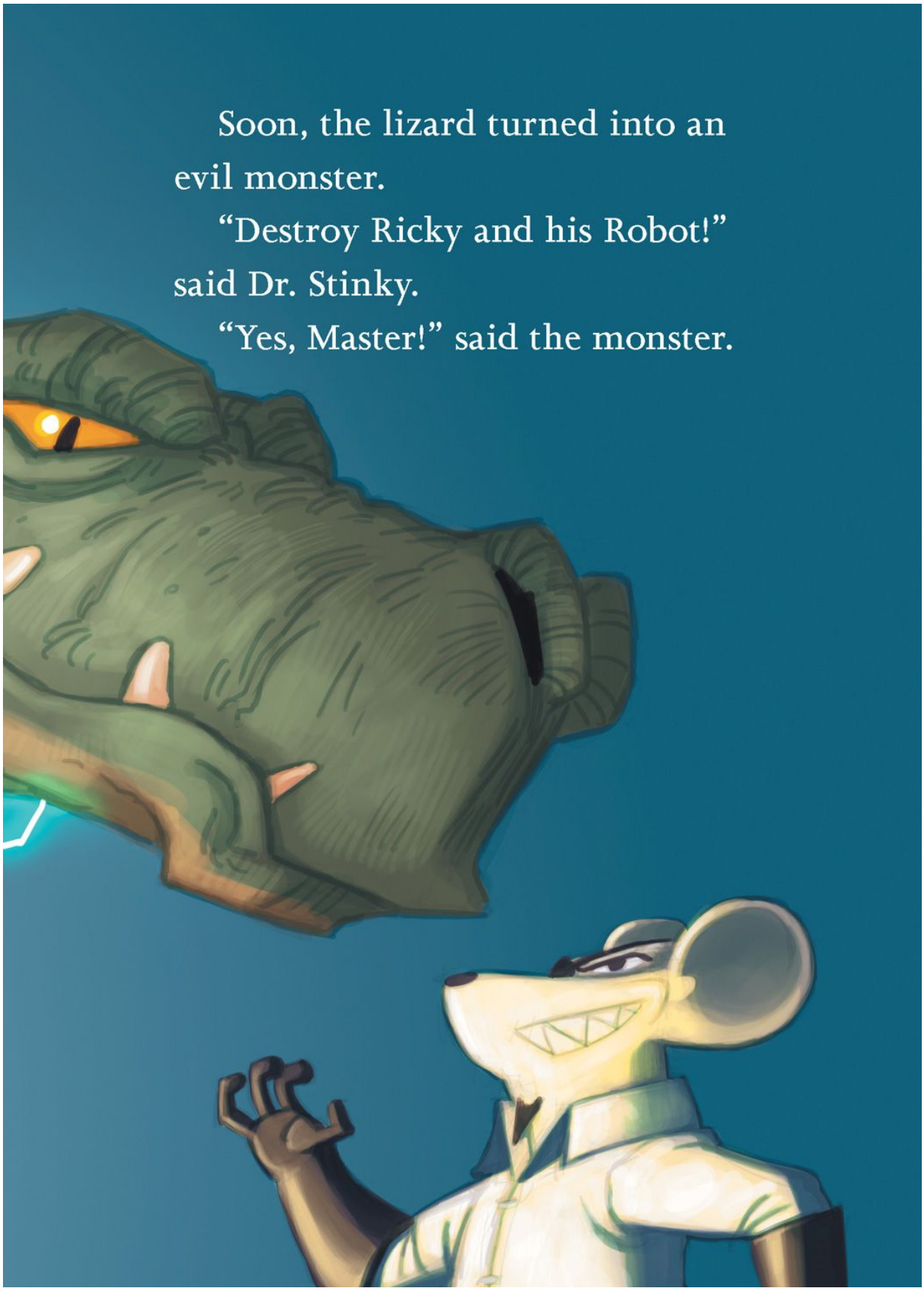
While Ricky's class was flying around in the sky, Dr. Stinky sneaked over to the school. He wanted revenge!

Dr. Stinky crept into Ricky's classroom. He saw their pet lizard.

"This is just what I need!" said Dr. Stinky.

He took out a bottle of Hate Potion #9 and put a drop into the lizard's water dish. The lizard drank the water.

Suddenly, the lizard began to
grow and change. He got bigger and
bigger. He got meaner and meaner.



Soon, the lizard turned into an evil monster.

"Destroy Ricky and his Robot!" said Dr. Stinky.

"Yes, Master!" said the monster.

When Ricky's Robot saw the evil monster, he flew down to the school yard. Ricky and his class climbed off quickly. Then, the Robot turned toward the giant creature, and the battle began.

CHAPTER ELEVEN
THE BIG BATTLE

RAAR!
SHOOOOF

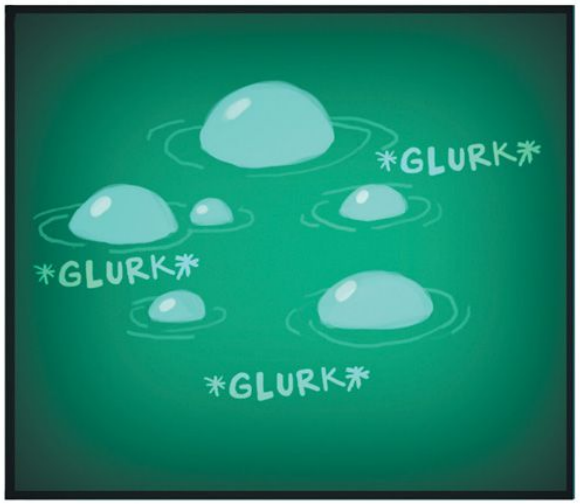
CRASH!
NOOOOO!
GO GET HIM, BUDDY!

FOOOOOOSH!
SLAM!

THWIP!
CRACK
CHOKE
SPLASH

SCREEEEECH!
*HUFF*HUFF*HUFF*

MIGHTY ROBOT!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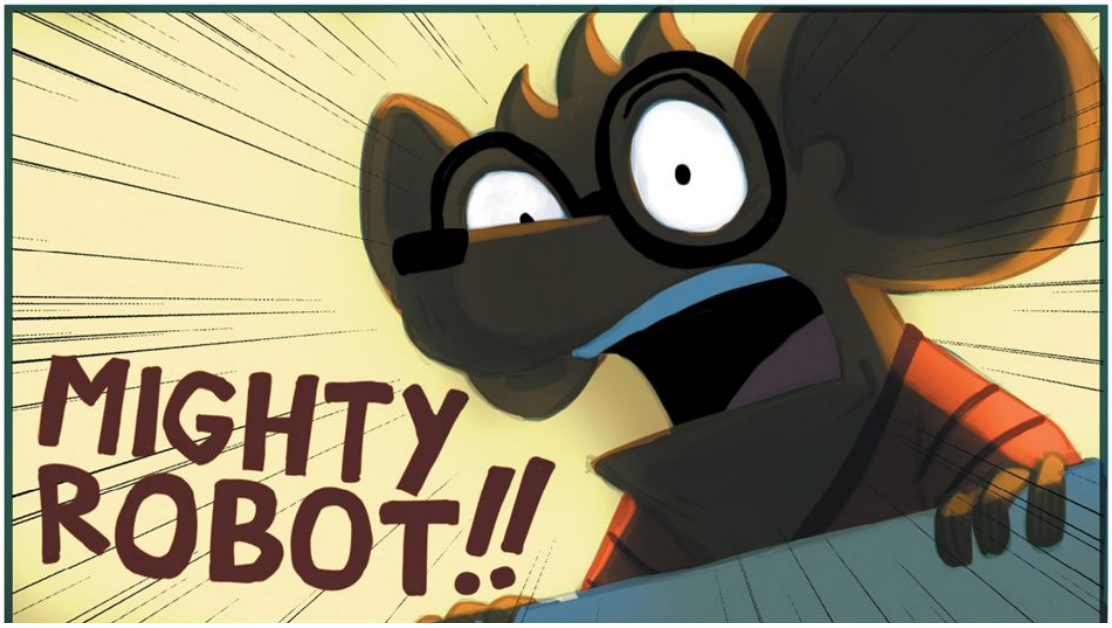
MIGHTY ROBOT!!

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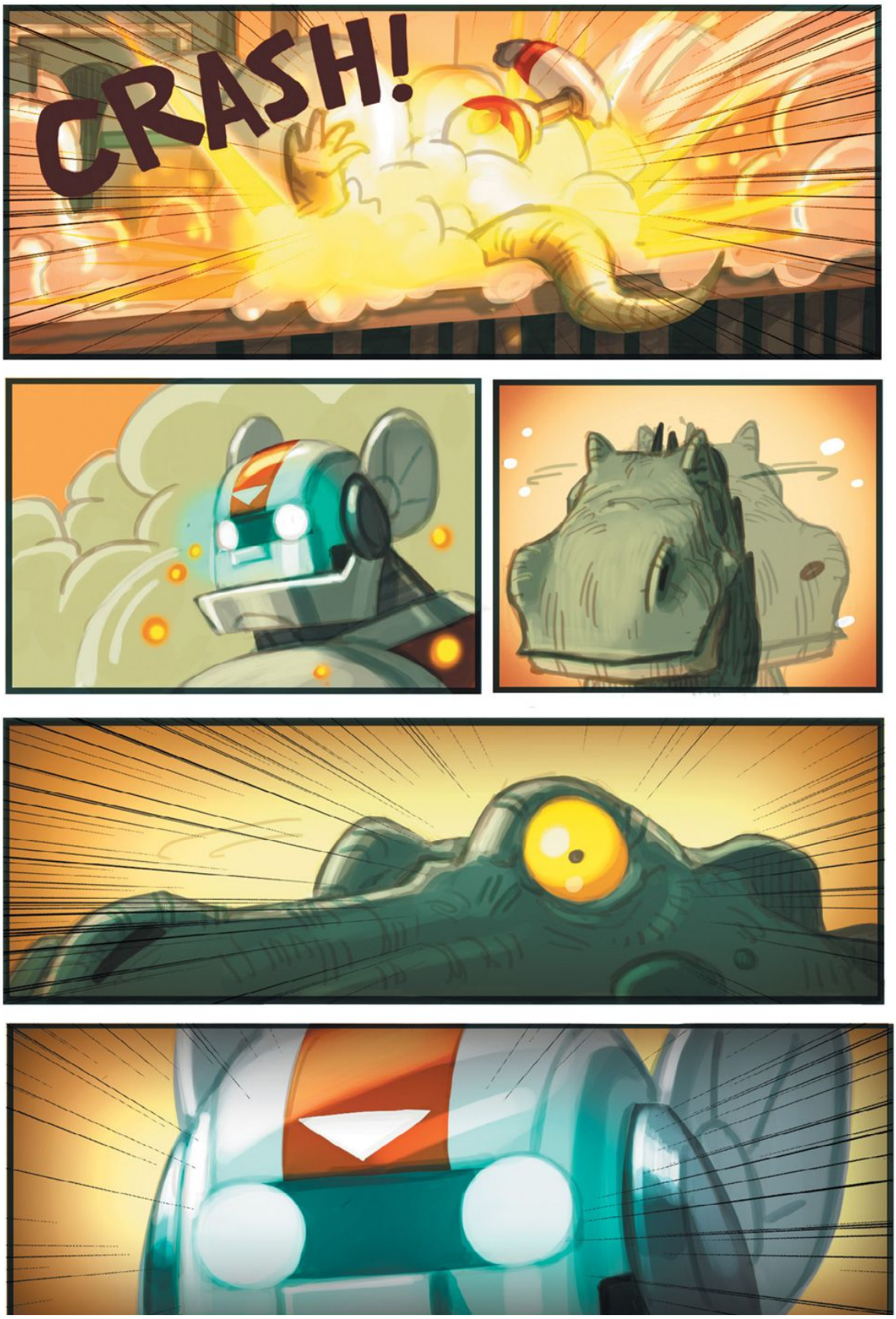
CRASH!

CHAPTER TWELVE
THE FINAL BATTLE
(IN FLIP-E-RAMA™)

FLIP-E-RAMA
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THE MONSTER ATTACKED.

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FLIP-E-RAMA 2

RICKY'S ROBOT
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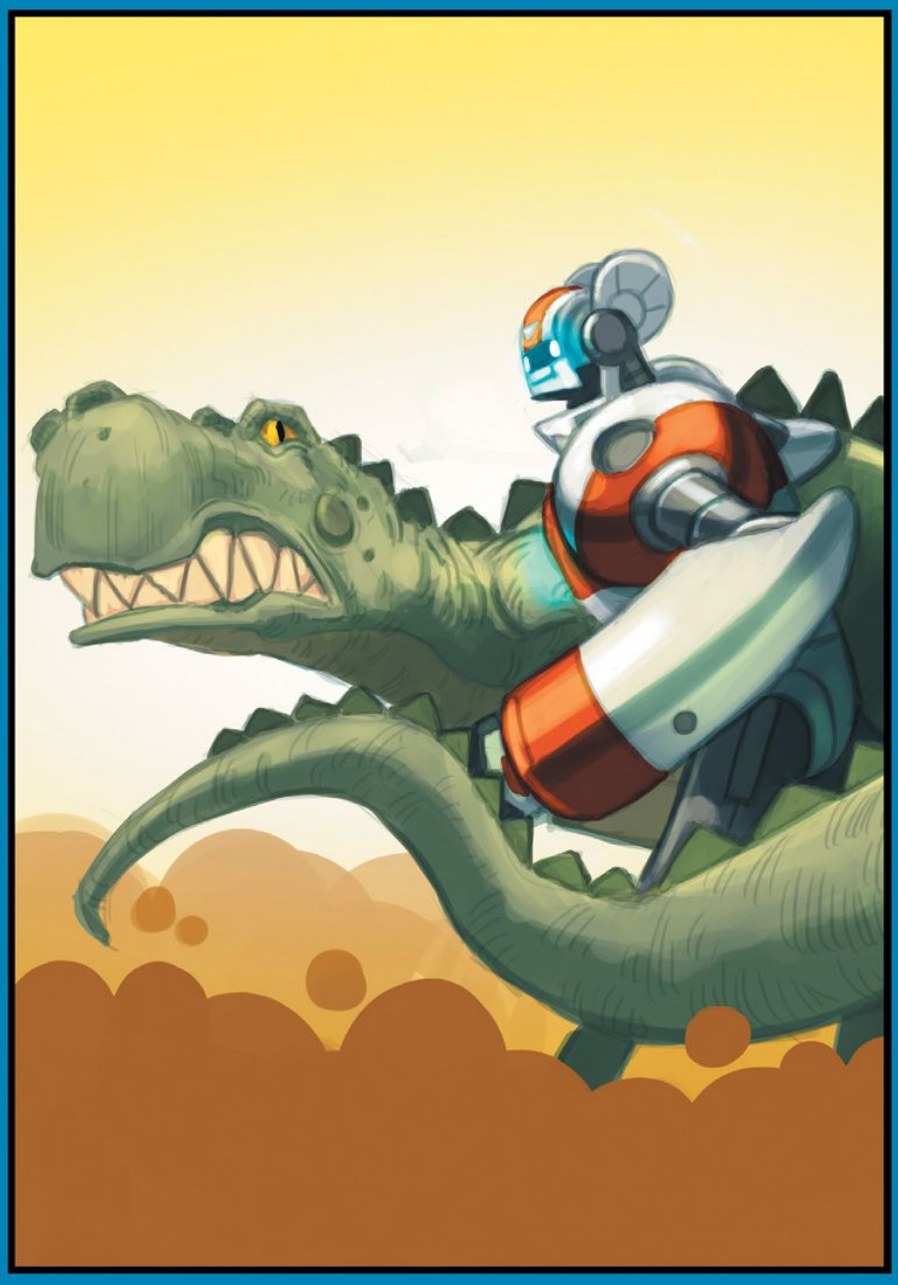

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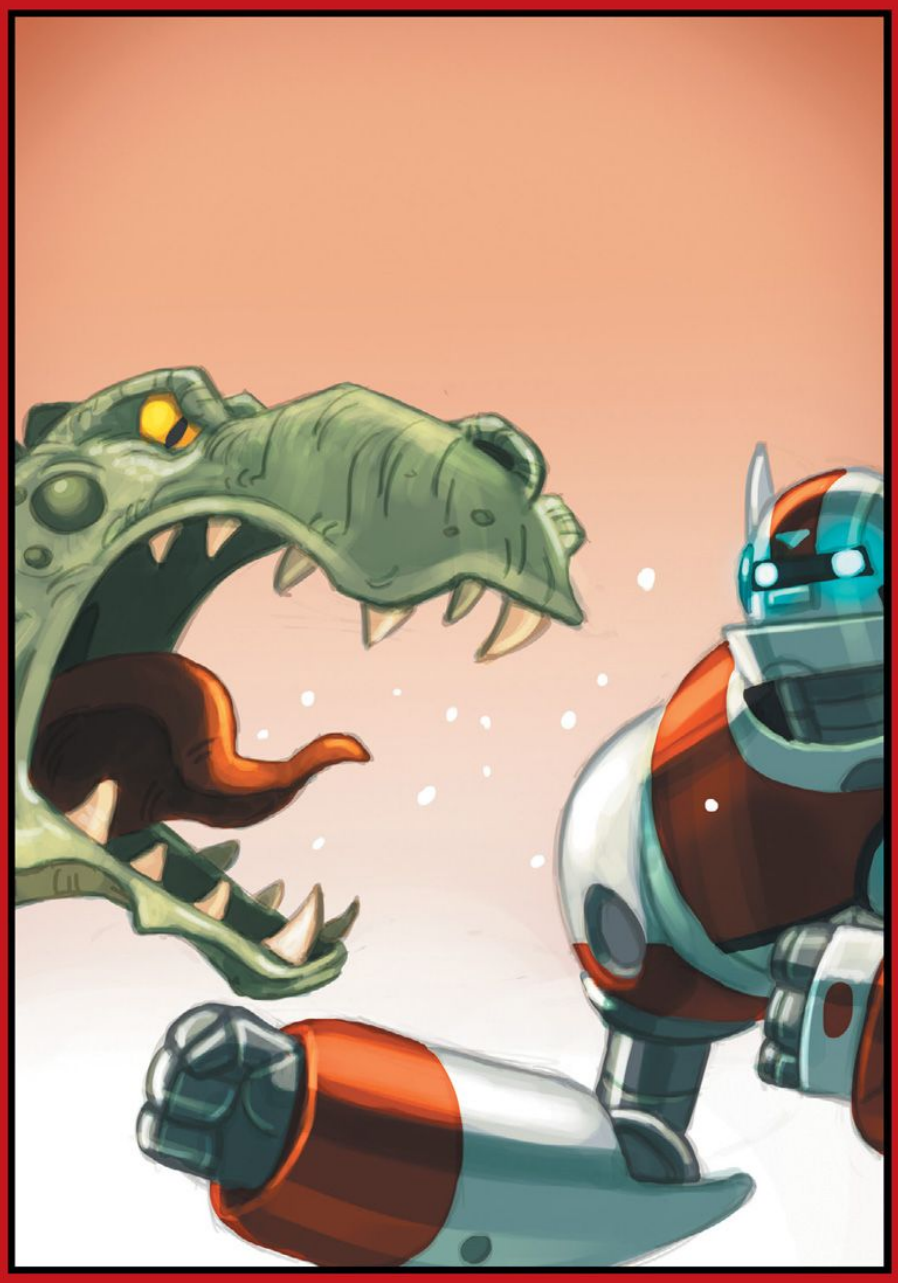

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RICKY'S ROBOT
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FLIP-E-RAMA 5

RICKY'S ROBOT
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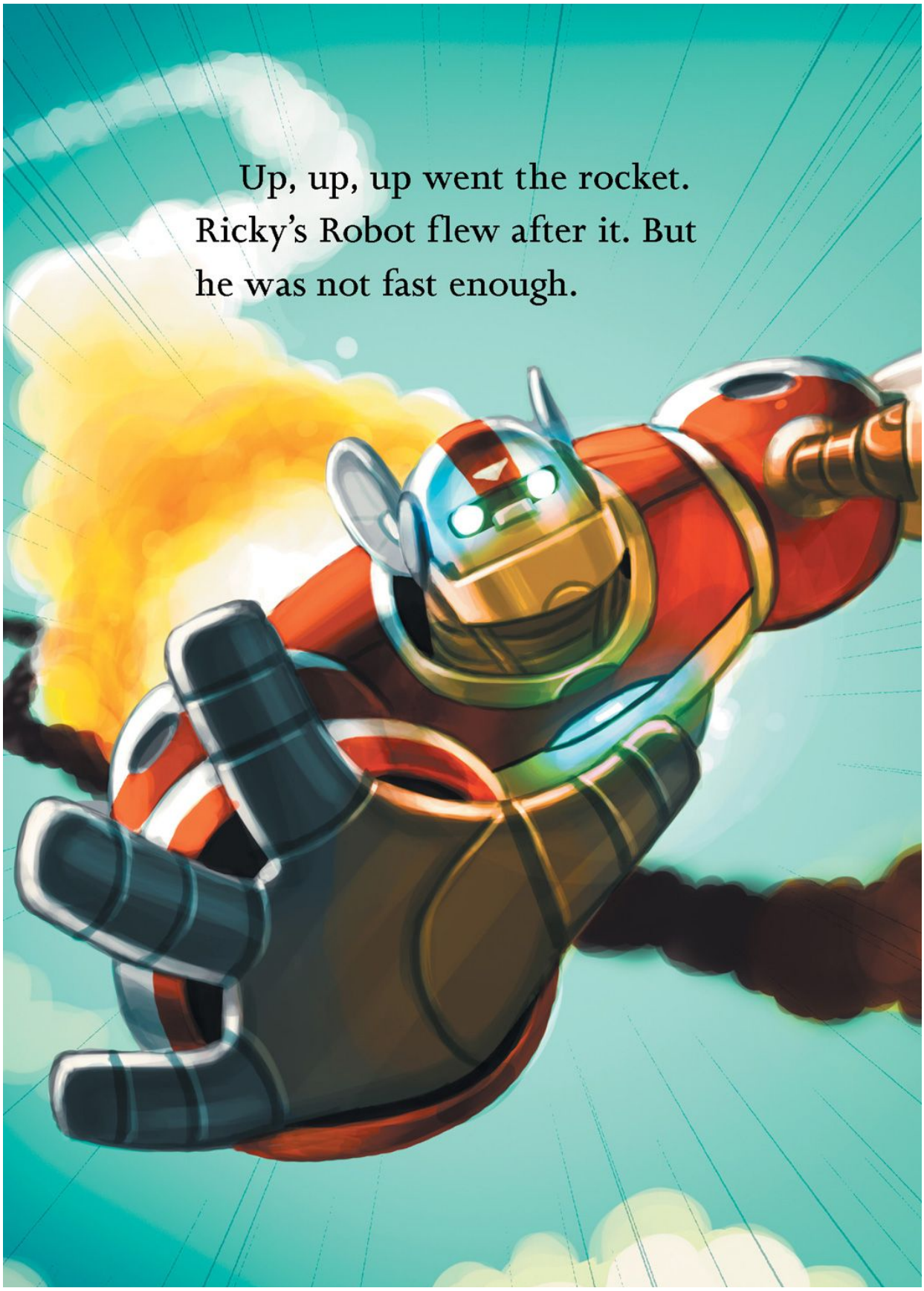
RICKY'S ROBOT
SAVED THE DAY.

CHAPTER THIRTEEN
THE ELECTRO-ROCKET

The monster was defeated, and all of his evil powers went away. Soon, he turned back into a tiny lizard and never bothered anybody again.

"Rats! Rats! *RATS!*" cried Dr. Stinky. "I will destroy that Robot myself!" He took his Electro-Rocket and aimed it at Ricky's Robot.

"NO!" screamed Ricky. He leaped onto Dr. Stinky just as the evil doctor fired his rocket.


Up, up, up went the rocket.
Ricky's Robot flew after it. But
he was not fast enough.

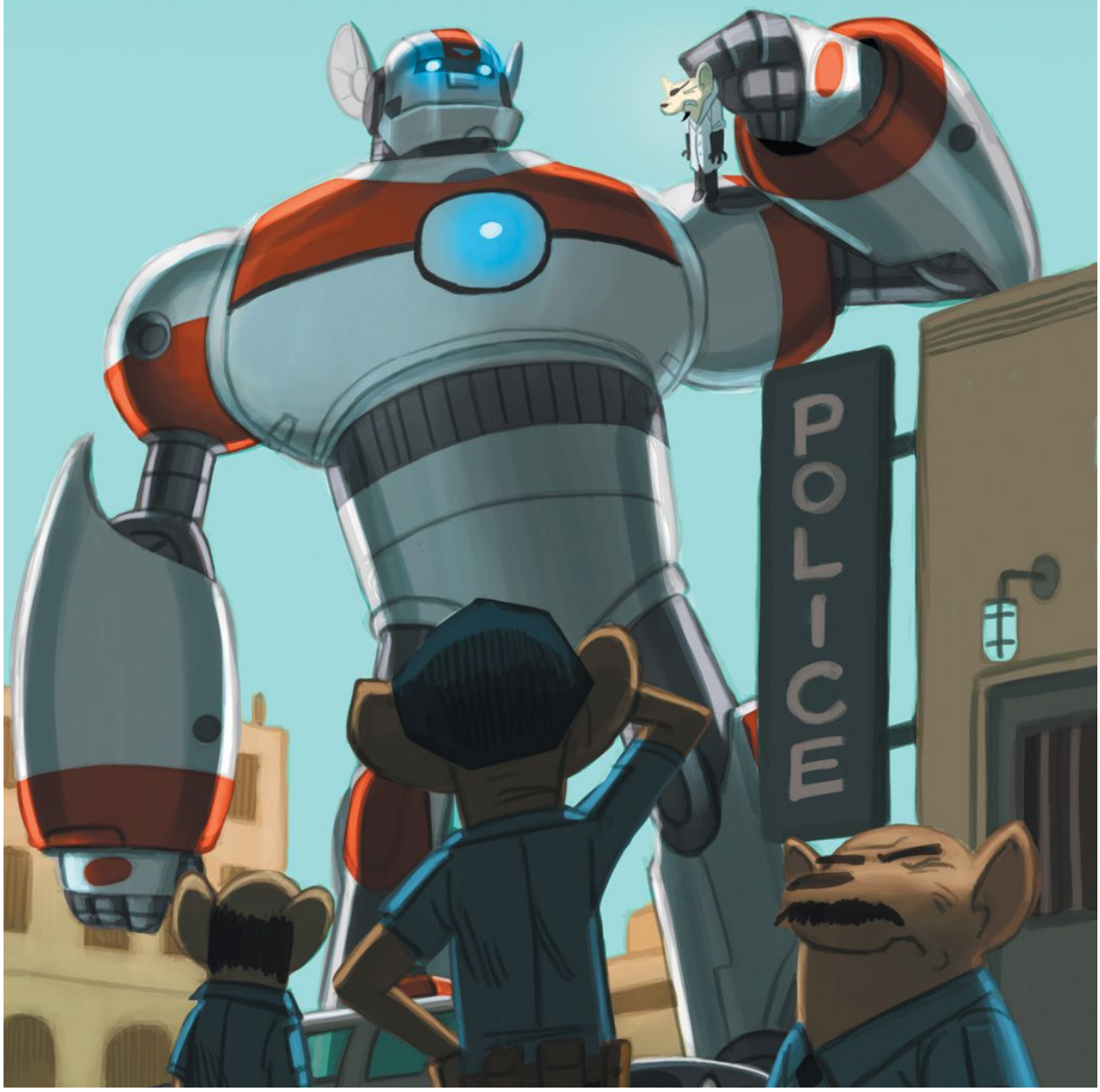
The rocket came down and exploded.
Ka-BOOM!
Right on Dr. Stinky's secret cave.

CHAPTER FOURTEEN
JUSTICE PREVAILS

"Rats! Rats! *RATS!*" cried Dr. Stinky. "This has been a bad day for me!"

"It is about to get worse," said Ricky.

Ricky's Mighty Robot picked up Dr. Stinky and put him in the city jail.



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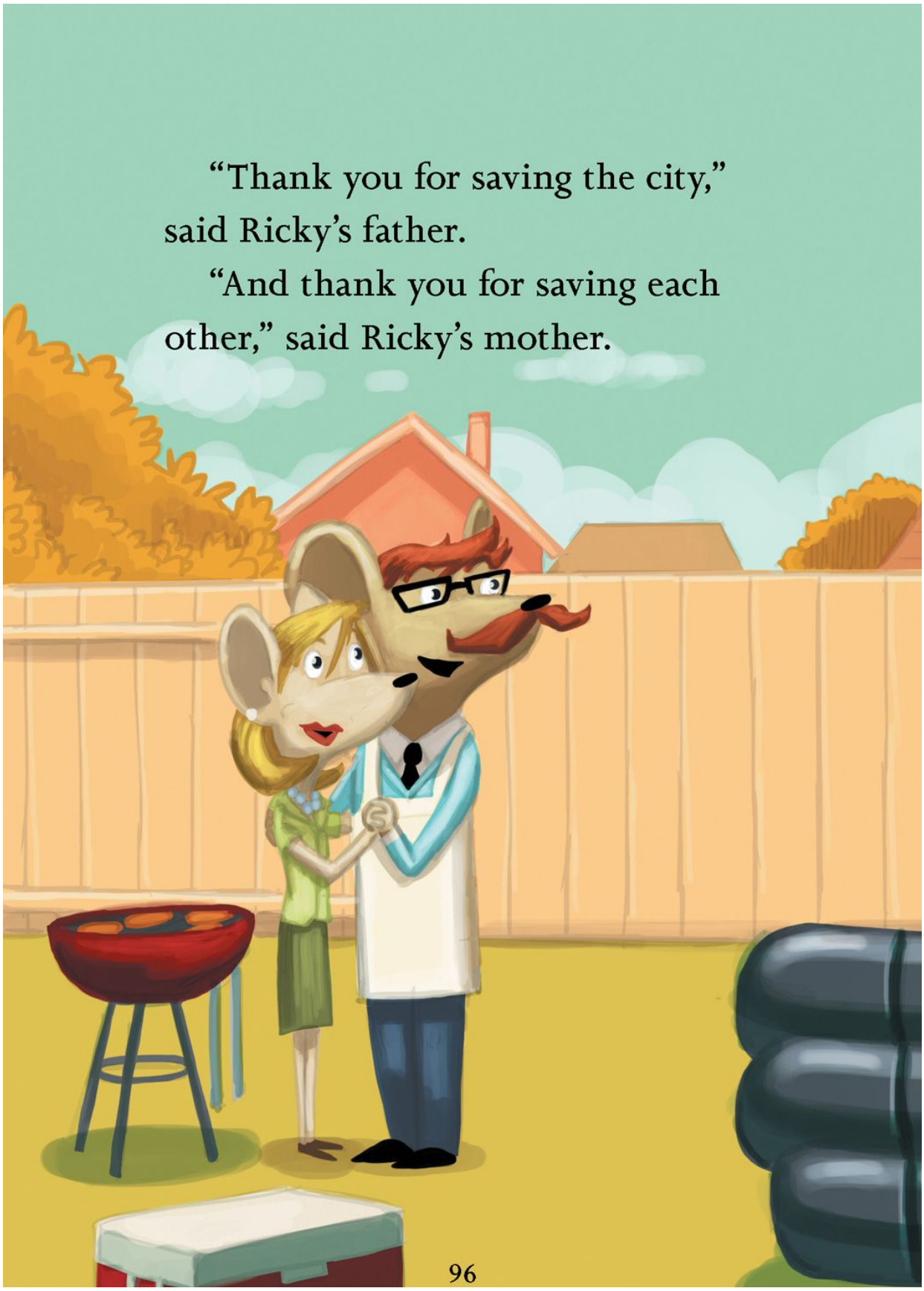
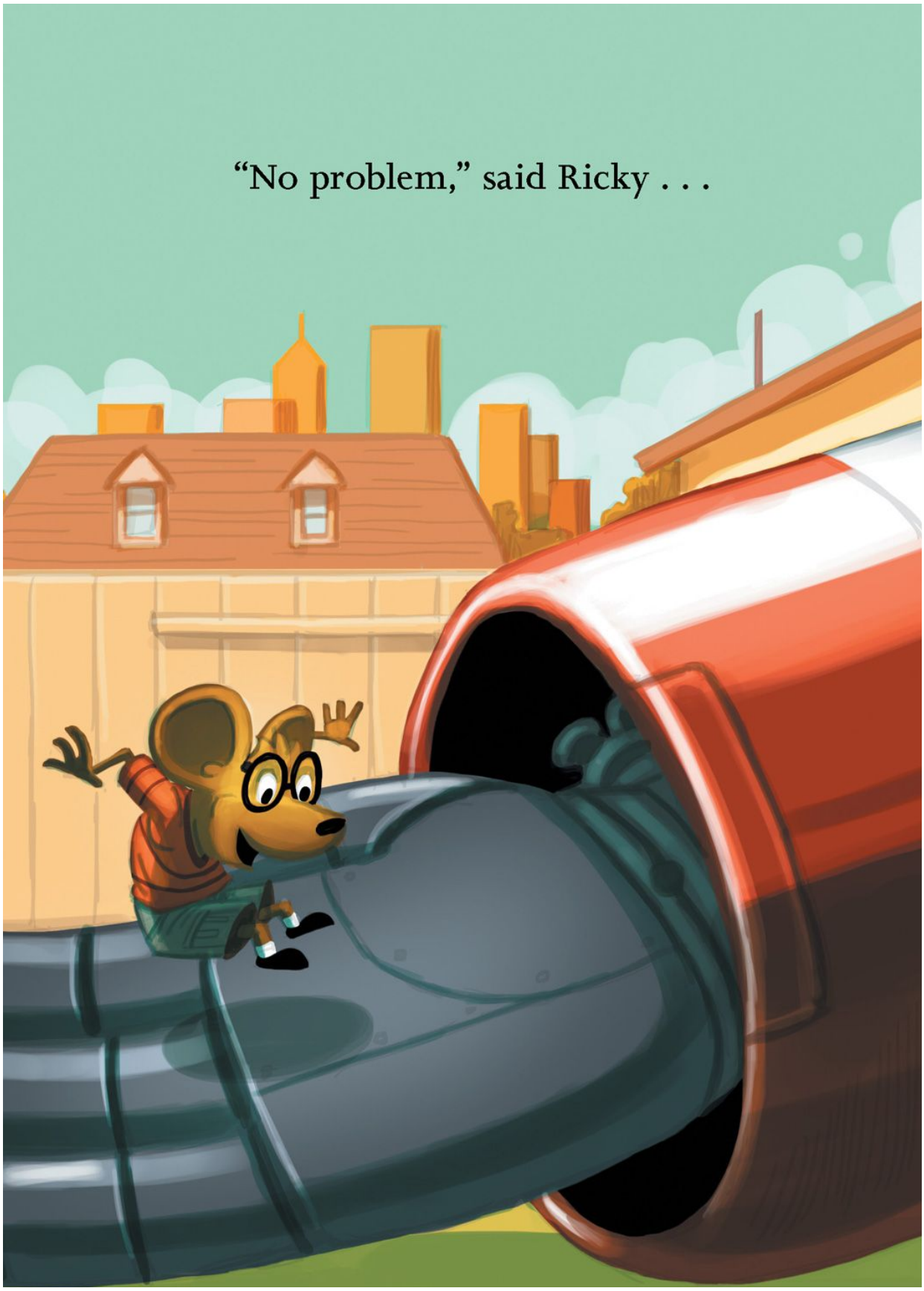
BACK HOME

That night, the Ricotta family had a cookout in the backyard. Ricky told his mom and dad all about their adventures that day.


"Thank you for saving the city," said Ricky's father.
"And thank you for saving each other," said Ricky's mother.


"No problem," said Ricky . . .

. . . “that’s what friends are for.”

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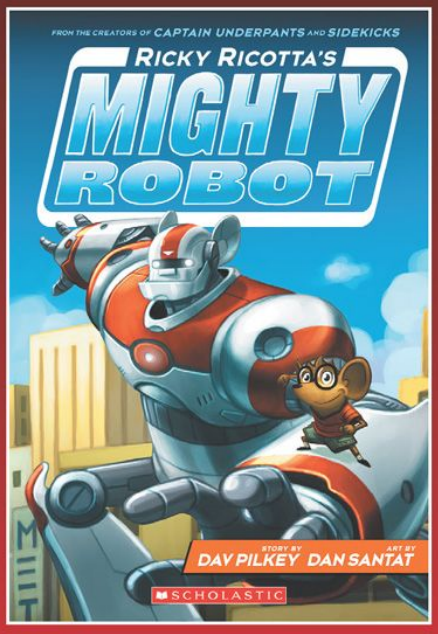
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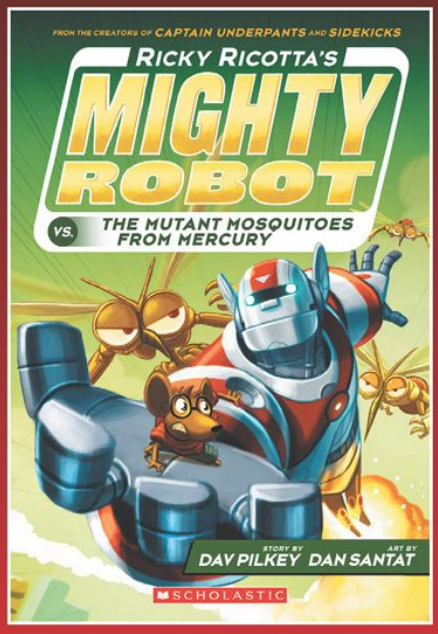
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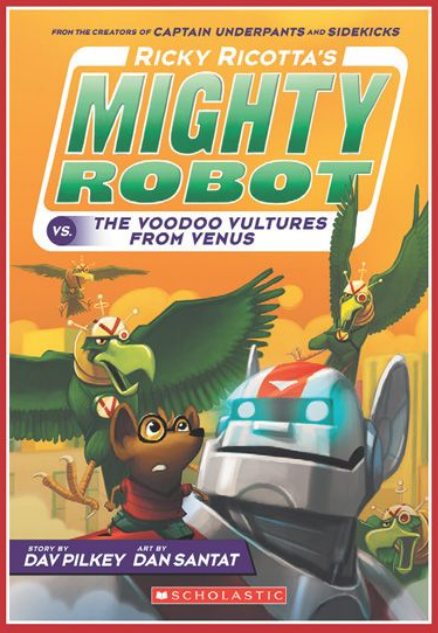
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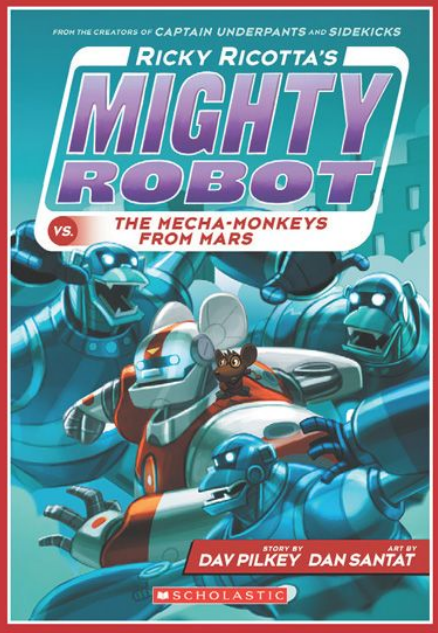
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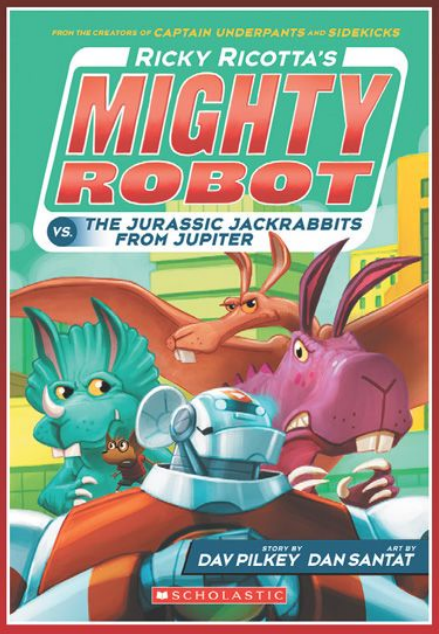
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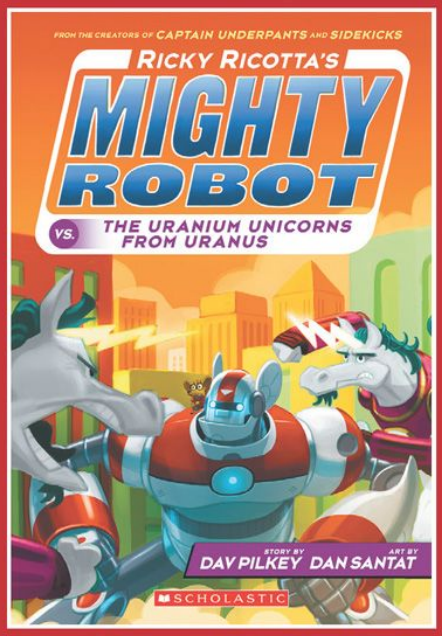
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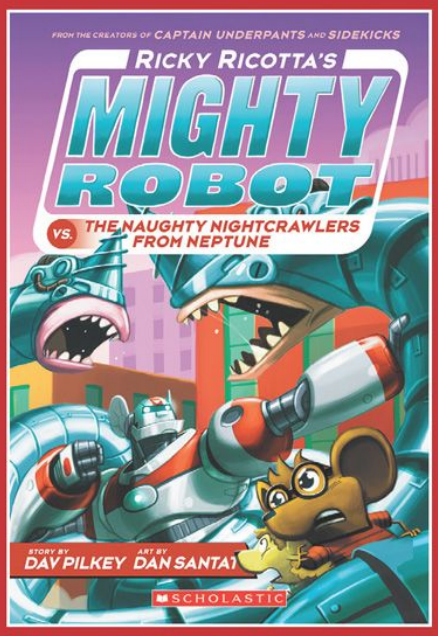
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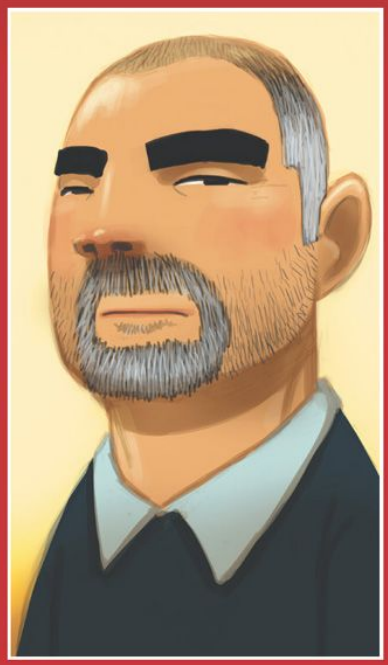

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